Ray - conspiracy

King assassination records appeals Harold Weisberg 2/22/00
Unnecessary withholdings of information suggesting Ray had conspiracy ordial connections.

Attached is FBI 44-38861-752 on which no exemption is noted at the obliteration. In this practice, particularly because so often multiple claims are made for a record, the FBI was deliberately Cointelproing everyone. I'm too tired now to consult the worksheets so I don't know what claim is made. For your information, I am asking counsel to ask that the Court order the FBI to provide me with an explicit identification of each exemption claimed at the point the claim is made because without this I cannot know. The Court and Department counsel are aware of the FBI practice and the impossibility of knowing what exemption is claimed that results. Here it is privacy or source, from content.

If it is privacy then it is unjustified. If it is source it is probably unjustified, particularly if it is Superior Bulk Files.

The special problem with this one is that regardless of what your people, who are not subject experts, may believe about the purity of FBI FOIA personnel intent, it strongly suggests to anyone who knows anything about the subject matter that Ray had associates who were moving him around like a chess piece. If as I also believe there is factual error in the teletype, then it is more complicated and more suggestive.

If these people would content themselves with absolutely essential withholdings how much simpler life would be for everyone, even them.

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